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DOCUMENTARY THAT REVEALS THE IMPACT OF BEING SICK AND UNINSURED IN AMERICA TO SCREEN AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

Screened at Human Rights Watch International Film Festival in June, 2008

SAN DIEGO –The San Diego Public Library and Media Arts Center San Diego will host a film showing of Roger Weisberg's *Critical Condition* on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at 2:00 PM in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

What happens if you fall sick and are one of 47 million people in America without health insurance? *Critical Condition*, by Roger Weisberg ("Waging a Living," P.O.V. 2006), puts a human face on the nation's growing health care crisis by capturing the harrowing struggles of four critically ill Americans who discover that being uninsured can cost them their jobs, health, home, savings, even their lives. Filmed in vérité style, *Critical Condition* offers a moving and invaluable expose at a time when the nation is debating how to extend health insurance to all Americans.

A facilitated discussion will take place right after the screening. This event is collaboration with the award-winning documentary series P.O.V. (www.pbs.org/pov). Since 1988, P.O.V. has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers. *Critical Condition* will broadcast nationally on September 30, 2008, at 9:00 p.m.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.